

Unpacking Hope

Part 4: Spiritual Signs of a Hopeful Person?

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Introduction:

'Hope' Is The Thing With Feathers

'Hope' is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never stops—at all—

And sweetest—in the Gale—is heard—
And sore must be the storm—
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm—

I've heard it in the chillest land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet, never, in Extremity,
It asked a crumb—of Me.

By Emily Dickinson

Hope is the **anchor** of the **soul**.

Hebrews 6:13-20

Anchor: A heavy device that is attached to a boat or ship by a rope or chain and that is thrown into the water to hold the boat or ship in place.

Seven Spiritual Signs of a Hopeful Person

I. The person has **positive speech**.

Colossians 4:6; Job 2:7-10

II. The person has a **persevering spirit**.

Matthew 9:20-22

A. Notice her **thoughts**.

B. Notice her <u>tongue</u>.

Luke 8:42-44

C. Notice her **trouble**.

D. Notice her **tenacity**.

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III.	The person is peaceful in a storm .	Acts 27:21-25
	A. Paul had a private conversation .	
	B. Paul had a powerful confidence .	
	C. Paul's purpose had to be completed .	
IV.	The person is particular about who is in their space .	Luke 8:49-53
	A. In moments of <u>tribulation</u>	
	B. In moments of <u>revelation</u>	
V.	The person is persistent after they didn't succeed .	Luke 5:2-7
	A. When you do what God says, you will be shocked at what you see .	
	B. Obedience leads to Overflow .	
VI.	The person is patient through uncomfortable seasons .	Genesis 7:5-10, 17
VII.	The person's praise is not situational	Psalm 34:1
V 11.	The person's <u>praise</u> is not <u>situational</u> .	1 5a1111 54;1